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QUESTION TAKEN AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING

February 16, 1978

Q. Does the State Department intend to respond to an "opposition paper" circulating on the Hill against the F-5 sale to Egypt, as it has to the criticism of the F-15s for Saudi Arabia?

A. -- On February 2, Rep. Lee Hamilton, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, asked the State Department to send him comments on a memorandum circulating in Congress concerning the F-15 sale to Saudi Arabia. On February 16, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations Douglas J. Bennet, Jr. sent the comments he requested.

-- A similar request was made by Rep. Hamilton to the Department on February 16, relating to the February 14 memorandum circulated in Congress, which concerned the proposed sale of F-5 aircraft to Egypt. The State Department will be responding to this request as soon as possible.

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